



***Introduction to Psychology***  
***Spring 2022***  
***Dr. James Rose***

**Course Prefix:** PSYC101-04 (1476)  
**Course Title:** Introduction to Psychology  
**Class Meeting Times:** 9:30AM – 10:45AM MW  
**Class Location:** Generic Building G301  
**Instructional Modality:** Hybrid

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Or anytime by appointment



**Catalog Course Description**

This course provides an overview of the major areas of psychology and the scientific methods utilized in the study of human behavior and mental processes. Topics to be covered include research methods, neuroscience, behavior genetics and evolutionary psychology, sensation and perception, sleep and dreams, language and intelligence, learning, personality, and psychological disorders.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

Describe psychological theories, principles, and concepts relevant to the subfields of psychology listed above

Understand and apply basic research methods in the study of human behavior

Articulate broad knowledge of classic as well as contemporary research in the subfields of psychology listed above

Apply principles of psychology to human history, current events, and daily human experience

Assess and evaluate psychological theories, methodologies, and research findings made available through textbooks, professional and lay publications, and the internet

**Course Delivery**

This is a hybrid class. Students will alternate between online attendance and on-campus attendance according to the calendar posted by the Office of the Registrar. Online attendance will take place via Zoom. The links to the Zoom classes as well as all course materials will be posted on Moodle. To access this, go to the AUK Learning Management System website <https://lms.auk.edu.kw/> and select Introduction to Psychology. Students should regularly check their AUK email and Moodle to receive announcements regarding this course.

**Required Textbook and PowerPoint Slides**

Psychology (8<sup>th</sup> Edition) by Hockenbury and Nolan. Worth Publishers.

The textbook is available through the AUK Library and may be accessed using the link on Moodle.

Students should print the PowerPoint slides posted on Moodle and use this to take notes during the class lectures.

**Attendance**

In accordance with AUK policy, attendance at class meetings is mandatory with the exception of university excused absences approved in advance by the professor. To be counted as present, students should arrive for class on time and stay for the duration of the class. Students arriving more than ten minutes late will not be permitted to enter the class meetings. Between eight to ten absences from class will result in the reduction of the final grade by one-step of a letter grade (for example, from a 'B' to a 'B-'). Eleven or more absences will result in a failing grade. In the event it is necessary to miss class, students are responsible for obtaining class materials. See the section below on AUK Attendance Policy.

**Course Evaluations****Examinations**

This course includes four examinations (there is no comprehensive final exam). The examinations will be administered both onsite and online, according to the course calendar below. All examinations will consist of multiple-choice and short-answer questions, and will cover material from the readings, lectures, and videos. Each exam is worth forty points.

All exams must be taken at the scheduled time and date. Exceptions due to emergencies will be considered only if the instructor is notified before the scheduled exam time.

**Group Worksheets**

On designated dates, students will complete worksheets consisting of short-answer and multiple-choice questions. The worksheets will help ensure that students have attended the lectures, completed the readings, and viewed the assigned videos. The dates for the worksheets are included in the course calendar. There are four worksheets in the course, and each worksheet is worth five points.

**Review Paper**

Students will select and read an article from a list provided by the professor and write a short paper in which they address questions pertaining to the content of the article. The dates for the review paper are included in the course calendar. The review paper is worth ten points.

**Class Projects**

Throughout the semester, students will complete a variety of projects during class that demonstrate concepts from the course. The dates for the class projects will not be announced in advance. Class projects are worth ten points, and there will be a deduction of one point for each missed project.

## Grading

This course includes four examinations worth forty points each, for a total of one hundred sixty points. There are four group worksheets worth five points each, for a total of twenty points. The review paper is worth ten points; and the class projects are worth ten points. The final grade is the sum of the scores for the examinations, the worksheets, the review paper, and the class projects. Letter grades are assigned as follows:

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Final Grade</u>
Exams (4)	160 (@ 40 points each)	188-200	A
Group Worksheets (4)	20 (@ 5 points each)	180-187	A-
Review Paper	10	174-179	B+
<u>Class Projects</u>	<u>10</u>	168-173	B
Total Points	200	160-167	B-
		154-159	C+
		148-153	C
		140-147	C-
		134-139	D+
		128-133	D
		120-127	D-
		0-119	F

April 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day to withdraw from classes with a grade of W.

## Course Calendar

The tentative course calendar is provided below. Students should complete the assigned readings prior to the class meetings. This calendar is likely to change – students are responsible for keeping informed of any changes to the calendar announced on Moodle.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Course Introduction</b>	
<b>Feb 14 – Feb 23</b>	<b>Research Methods</b>	<b>Chapter 1</b> Skip: Psychology's Origins, pp. xciv-cii Skip: Culture and Human Behavior, pp. cxii-cxiv
<b>Feb 28 – Mar 2</b>	<b>National and Liberation Days, No Classes ☺</b>	
<b>Mar 7 – Mar 16</b>	<b>Neuroscience and Behavior</b> Group Worksheet Mar 16	<b>Chapter 2</b> Skip: The Nervous System, pp. 1-2k Skip: Focus on Neuroscience Box, pp. 2m-2q Skip: pp. 297i-298b
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Exam 1 (Online for both Odd and Even)</b> Chapters 1, 2, and lectures/videos	
<b>Mar 23 – Mar 28</b>	<b>Behavior Genetics</b>	<b>Readings will be provided</b>
<b>Mar 30 – Apr 6</b>	<b>Sensation and Perception</b>	<b>Chapter 3</b> Read Only: pp. 298h-298z Read Only: Hearing, pp. 299l-299s Read Only: Perception, pp. 2d-6j
<b>Apr 9 (Sat) – Apr 13</b>	<b>Sleep and Dreams</b> Group Worksheet Apr 13	<b>Chapter 4</b> Read Only: Cycles of Conscious, pp. 697q-298o
<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>Exam 2 (Online for both Odd and Even)</b> Chapters on Behavior Genetics, 3, 4, and lectures/videos	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
<b>Apr 20 – Apr 27</b>	<b>Learning</b> Review Paper Posted Apr 27	<b>Chapter 5</b> Skip: Higher-Order Conditioning, p. 6100z Skip: Extinction and Spont., pp. 6101a-6101b Skip: Focus on Neurosci. Box, pp. 6101y-6101z Skip: pp. 3a-397k
<b>May 2 – May 4</b>	<b>Eid El-Fitr, No Classes ☺</b>	
<b>May 9 – May 11</b>	<b>Language and Intelligence</b> Group Worksheet May 11	<b>Chapter 7</b> Read Only: pp. 2102f-3103m Skip: Critical Thinking Box, pp. 3102h-3102j
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Exam 3 (Online for both Odd and Even)</b> Chapters 5, 7, and lectures/videos	
<b>May 18 – May 23</b>	<b>Personality</b> Review Paper Due May 18	<b>Chapter 11</b> Skip: pp. 9101f-28
<b>May 25 – June 1</b>	<b>Psychological Disorders</b> Group Worksheet June 1	<b>Chapter 14</b> Skip: Table 14.1, Table 14.2 Skip: Panic Attacks and Dis, pp. 28103g-28103j Skip: pp. 28104m-28105i Skip: Focus on Neurosci Box, p. 28105u-28105v
	<b>Exam 4 (Onsite for both Odd and Even)</b> Date and time to be announced Chapters 11, 14, and lectures/videos	

### **AUK Mission Statement**

The American University of Kuwait is a liberal arts institution dedicated to teaching, learning, and scholarship. The University offers programs that provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for lifelong learning and professional success. AUK enriches society by fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, effective communication, personal growth, service, and leadership.

### **College Mission Statement**

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is committed to cultivating lifelong learning that empowers students to pursue technical competency in professional fields, self-awareness, a sense of civic and moral responsibility, and a breadth of vision in the tradition of liberal arts education. The College offers quality undergraduate programs leading to a bachelor's degree.

### **AUK Attendance Policy**

Any student who misses more than 15% of class sessions of any course during a semester should expect to fail, unless she/he submits documented evidence to the course instructor of inpatient medical care, death of an immediate family member, academic instructional activities, or national athletic activities. If excused, students are required to satisfy all coursework due or assigned during their absence as determined by the course instructor. If a student does not submit documented evidence for her/his absence exceeding the limit, it is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the course by the specified deadline, as indicated on the academic calendar. Students who withdraw from a course receive a grade of "W". Students who do not withdraw from a course nor submit supporting documents for excessive absences will receive a grade of "FN" (failure for non-attendance).

### AUK Official Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Percentage	University Points
A	94-100	4.0
A-	90-93	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	84-86	3.0
B-	80-83	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	74-76	2.0
C-	70-73	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
D-	60-63	0.7
F	0-59	0.0

### Code of Academic Honesty and Integrity

Upon admission to the American University of Kuwait, students agree to act responsibly in all areas of academic, personal and social conduct and to take full responsibility for their individual and collective action. Such regulations are found in the American University of Kuwait Catalogue, Student Handbook, and the AUK website at [www.auk.edu.kw](http://www.auk.edu.kw). Any question of interpretation regarding the code of academic honesty and Integrity shall be reported to the appropriate academic dean. The Code shall be reviewed annually at the discretion of the academic deans. Any student or student organization found to have committed the cited violations or misconduct, either on or off campus, is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in adjudication procedures.

### Academic Support

Learning Support Services focuses on empowering students to become independent and successful learners by developing their literacy skills, enhancing their understanding, and helping them improve their academic and study skills. Learning Support Services is comprised of two centers: the Tutoring Center and the Writing Center. The Tutoring Center provides free academic support in various subjects to AUK student. Email: [tutoringcenter@auk.edu.kw](mailto:tutoringcenter@auk.edu.kw).

The Writing Center provides multilingual support (English, Arabic, French, and Spanish) through individual or small-group consultations. Email: [writingcenter@auk.edu.kw](mailto:writingcenter@auk.edu.kw)

### Disability Accommodations

AUK provides equal and inclusive educational environment in order to enable all students to meet and perform requisite academic standards and to participate in the opportunities and activities of its community. If you believe you can benefit from accommodations for a learning, physical, or mental health disability, [click here to book a session through the Counseling Center/Disability Services Booking Page](#), to ask about disability services at AUK, initiate an accommodation plan, or receive disability services. You can also email [counseling@auk.edu.kw](mailto:counseling@auk.edu.kw) if you need assistance in booking a session.

### Course Policies/Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to adhere to the AUK Honor Code. Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty will result in failure on exams or assignments.

Students should arrive at online classes on time and are not permitted to leave and reenter the class. Students arriving late or leaving class early will be marked absent. Students disrupting class will not be permitted to attend.

### Late and Missing Work Policy

Contact the instructor immediately in the event of an emergency resulting in late or missing work. Late or missing work will only be accepted in the case of a documented emergency.

**Communication Policy**

Students may contact the professor anytime via email, or otherwise speak to the professor after class or during office hours.

**Technology Issues**

Many of the assignments in the class must be submitted through Moodle. In the event students experience difficulties submitting an assignment due to technology or internet issues, contact the professor immediately via email.

**Syllabus Changes!**

Given the uncertain circumstances in which we find ourselves, the professor reserves the right to modify the syllabus. If this occurs, students will be notified during class, and an announcement will be posted on Moodle.